

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho

State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited disorder characterized by uncontrollable movements and sounds called "tics"; and

WHEREAS, TS can strike people of all ethnic and racial backgrounds, with males affected three to four times more than females; and

WHEREAS, TS symptoms generally appear before the age of 10, however many children are not immediately diagnosed due to lack of information and understanding about the disorder; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness, understanding and support for individuals and families affected by TS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 15 through June 15, 2003, to be

TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-third day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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